AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Original) · A method for image reconstruction for images acquired in a non-isocentric path, said method comprising:

varying a distance between an object and at least one of a detector and a source to form a virtual isocenter;

maintaining an object at said virtual isocenter during imaging of said object;

normalizing a magnification change in image data obtained as said virtual isocenter is maintained; and

reconstructing an image of said object based on said image data and said normalized magnification change.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising tracking a position of said detector and a position of said object.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said varying step further comprises varying said distance between image exposures.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining a distance between said detector and a source.

- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining a position of at least one of said detector and a source with respect to said object.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising mounting said detector and a source on a C-arm.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising moving said C-arm in a non-circular path to move said detector and said source around said object while varying said distance between said detector and said object.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said reconstructing step further comprises reconstructing a three-dimensional image of said object based on said image data and said normalized magnification change.
- 9. (Original) A method for forming a virtual isocenter in an imaging system, said method comprising:

determining a distance between an object to be imaged and at least one of a detector and a source;

varying said distance between image exposures; and

adjusting image data obtained from said image exposures for a change in magnification between image exposures.

- 10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said determining step further comprises determining a distance between said detector and said object using a tracking system.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said tracking system comprises an electromagnetic tracking system for determining a position of said detector with respect to said object.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising reconstructing at least one image of said object from said image data adjusted for said change in magnification.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising maintaining a position of said object at a virtual isocenter formed by varying said distance between said object and at least one of said source and said detector.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising moving a support including said detector and a source in an orbital motion to move said detector and said source around said object while varying said distance between said detector and said object.
- 15. (Original) A system for processing images obtained using non-isocentric motion, said system comprising:
 - a source for providing an emission used to generate an image of an object;
- a detector for receiving said emission after said emission has traveled through said object to produce image data;

a support for positioning said source and said detector, said support varying at least one of a distance between said detector and said object and a distance between said source and said object when obtaining said image data from said emission;

a tracking system for obtaining position data relating to at least one of said source, said detector, and said object; and

an image processor for reconstructing at least one image using said image data and said position data, said image processor compensating for a change in magnification between image data when reconstructing said at least one image.

- 16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein said change in magnification is due to varying at least one of a distance between said detector and said object and a distance between said source and said object.
- 17. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein said tracking system comprises an electromagnetic tracking system.
- 18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein said tracking system comprises an electromagnetic sensor located on said detector and an electromagnetic transmitter located on said object.
 - 19. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein said support comprises a C-arm.

20. (Original) The system of claim 15, further comprising a positioning device for positioning said object with respect to said support.